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TREATMENT OF DRINKING WATER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests early entry of the following amendments to the above-identified application as indicated below. A complete set of the claims as amended is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A method for treating drinking water comprising:
- a) providing raw water to a process tank;
 - b) adding an ion-exchange resin to the process tank to form a raw water/ion-exchange resin mixture; and
 - c) removing treated water from the process tank through a membrane filter, wherein said process tank contains said membrane filter.

10. (Amended) An apparatus for treating drinking water comprising:
- a process tank for receiving raw water;
 - an ion-exchange resin supply operatively associated with the process tank to provide ion-exchange resin to raw water within the process tank; and

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